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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
HIROYOSHI KUBO) Group Art Unit: 2834
Application No.: 10/809,460)
Filed: March 26, 2004)
For: IRON CORE, IRON CORE)
MANUFACTURING METHOD :
ALIGNMENT APPARATUS,)
AND EXPOSURE APPARATUS : September 29, 2004

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Commissioner for Patents
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

- (1) Japan Publication No. 2003-022960
- (2) U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0007140
- (3) Japan Patent No. 6-233481
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 5,783,880
- (5) Japan Patent No. 8-229759
- (6) U.S. Patent No. 5,858,587

Copies of Documents (1), (3) and (5) are enclosed. Pursuant to 1276 O.G. 55, copies of Documents (2), (4) and (6) are not enclosed.

Documents (1) and (5) were discussed in the specification and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given there.

Documents (3) and (4) turned up during pre-filing activities in connection with the preparation of the subject application.

Document (2) is believed to be a U.S. counterpart for Document (1), Document (4) is believed to be the U.S. counterpart for Document (3) and Document (6) is believed to be a U.S. counterpart to Document (5).

The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents can be found on their attached English Language Abstracts.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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